**AREA FAITH COMMUNITY** 

January 29, 2023

ST. ANDREW'S FAIRFAX, MN

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ST. WILLIBRORD'S
GIBBON. MN

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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES WINTHROP, MN

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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATORS

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National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-422-4453

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Please contact Fr. Bruno at least six months ahead of time to plan and prepare for your wedding. No wedding date is final until approved by Fr. Bruno.

**BAPTISMS:** Please make arrangements for attending a baptism session with Father Bruno anywhere from one to two months prior to the date of the baptism of

# Catholic Charities of the Diocese of New Ulm:

1-866-670-5163 (Confidential Counseling Services and Referral Information)

LITURGY SCHEDULE: In case of a funeral a regular scheduled morning Mass will be canceled that day.

Fairfax-Spanish Mass

Monday, January 30 NO MASS Tuesday, January 31 NO MASS **Fairfax** Wednesday, February 1 5:30 PM **Gibbon-Time Change** +Marian Tragner Thursday, February 2 **Fairfax-Time Change** +Christian Mothers 5:30 PM Friday, February 3 NO MASS Winthrop 7:00 PM Winthrop Eucharistic Adoration Reconciliation prior to Mass Saturday, February 4 4:30 PM 5:00 PM Winthrop +Myron Ayer Sunday, February 5 Fairfax +Kathy Bianchi 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Gibbon People of the All Saints Area Faith Community

**Reflection Question for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

12:30 PM

For whom do I find it difficult to have empathy? How can I strengthen my empathy toward those who are not like me?



Readings for the Week of January 29, 2023

**Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

(Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20 **Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,

17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29 **Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/

Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/

1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Want to know the secret to happiness? The answer is revealed in The Beatitudes. Want to be the best Catholic you can ever be? The Beatitudes tell you how. Want to make Jesus happy? Practice the doctrine of The Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are eight simply stated, yet profound guidelines Jesus revealed to His followers during His Sermon on the Mount. Jesus uses the words of The Beatitudes to paint a picture of what the true people of God look like. Not physically, but morally and spiritually. The eight Beatitudes are the roadmap Jesus gives to us to help us find the utmost bliss in this world and in the next. The Beatitudes are difficult for us to understand because they are the opposite of everything that the world we live in pushes us to believe; that in order to be happy, we have to be rich, own a huge home, be physically attractive, have an extensive wardrobe, etc. Like any bad habit, we have to break away from this way of thinking and follow instead the blueprint of The Beatitudes. If we can do it, we'll have the full blessings of the Kingdom of Heaven to look forward to.

"Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God's hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child." ~St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Spread the "Good news of great joy" by actively listening. It is through listening that we earn the right to be heard. Active listening helps us discern where our companion is in the faith journey. Then we learn how best to share the gospel message.

**RETURN FROM INDIA** I will be returning from my Benedictine Monastery in Sivagangai, India on Friday, February 3. Please pray for me and know of my prayers for you.

Fr. Bruno OSB

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, please contact Kellie Sloot at 320-583-6755 and she will get you to the right person while Father Bruno is gone. Thank you.

THERE ARE FEW MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULED ON THE CALENDAR Infinite graces flow from prayers offered at Mass. Intentions can be offered for a variety of reasons: thanksgiving, birthday or anniversaries of the living and most commonly for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one. If you have been thinking you would like to have a Mass intention offered, you can put the request in the collection basket with the name of the person/persons to be prayed for and make a note of whether the person is deceased or living; or list the reason of the intention (e.g. thanksgiving, peace, living family

(typically \$10 per Mass). Or call the All Saints AFC office or email the office and get the intention scheduled and send in your donation. Thank you!

# AREA CALENDAR

members, etc.) If you have a specific date in mind, please make note of that as well. Include your financial gift

# AREA PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 29 Charles Lehar, Julia Schweiss, Tina Elbert

Jan 30 Jerome Nelson, Jeff Rieke, Allen Rubischko, Diane Lang, August Radloff

Jan 31 Dennis Murphy

Feb 1

Feb 2 Linda Turbes, Lillian Hanson, Michael Burns

Feb 3 Raymond Berg, Douglas Stark

Feb 4 Doris Schweiss



## **KNOW A SAINT St. Pionius – February 1**

St. Pionius was a priest from Turkey. He was known for the conversions he had achieved. He was imprisoned along with fifteen companions and they suffered horrible tortures as a result of their steadfast refusal to offer worship to pagan gods. When this failed and he still would not worship pagan gods it was ordered that he be burned alive. As the flames consumed his body he cried out "Lord receive my soul". He is a good example for us to accept the pains necessary to overcome temptation so that if we die unexpectedly, we too may say "Lord receive my soul".

### **Liturgy Matters #12**

Silence is our first response to the word we have just heard in the First Reading. The silence of the assembly at this point is the same about which we read in the heavenly liturgy described in the book of Revelation: "When the Lamb broke open the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about thirty minutes" (Rev. 8:1). Of course, we do not remain silent for thirty minutes, but it is prudent to allow several moments of silence to reflect on the First Reading.

In response to this silence, we use the words of the psalms. We do so because this was Israel's hymnbook and so was the prayer book of Jesus himself in his earthly life. The psalms were produced and then prayed throughout all the various epochs and phases of Israel's existence. They express joy and wonder, gratitude and repentance, pleas for help, mercy and protection. The words written in the psalms were fulfilled by Jesus as he prayed them during the course of his life. Verse by verse, psalm by psalm, they were a mystery, hidden but now revealed in him.



Please Remember in Prayer Frank Ziegler St. Andrew's Casey O'Brien St. Francis de Sales **Arvina Schweiss** St. Andrew's **Judy Farrell** St. Andrew's Elsie Linsmeier St. Andrew Mary Schweiss St. Andrew's Millie Forst St. Willibrord's Lorraine Ravnaas St. Francis de Sales **Adeline Roiger** St. Andrew Pat Fahey St. Andrew's

**Dory Schreiner** 

St. Andrew's **Davis Biebl** 

St. Willibrord's

Because there is a change in direction between the reading and the psalm; that is, God speaking to us in the Word and then us speaking to God in the responsorial psalm, we see also a different person signing the psalm. (The cantor) As the assembly repeats the same words of the cantor, they also share with Christ the prayer sung to the Father. This "joining" with Christ in the psalm, praying to the Father, we once again see the richness of the liturgy as a communal and integral part of our unity with Christ as our response to the Father. This is as St. Paul once exclaimed, "Whatever promises God has made have been fulfilled in him; therefore it is through him that we address our Amen to God when we worship together" (Corinthians 2:20). When Jesus rises again, his way of praying rises with him and becomes in the liturgy his praying in us.

**JOIN US EACH WEEK ON WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 PM** as we pray the Rosary live on Facebook on the All Saints Area Faith Community page!

Topic for THAT MAN IS YOU men's program – There will be a break until February 9th.

**EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR** –Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (note change of week), at St. Willibrord's, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.. Holy Hour will include praying the rosary, scripture readings, and time for silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone welcome!

**RENEWED IN HOPE DMA Appeal Funds Summary** as of January 23rd, 2021. Parish goals: St. Andrew's \$13,073.39, total cash received \$9,173.70; St. Willibrord's \$8,142.20, total cash received \$4,455.00; St. Francis's \$4,931.19, total cash received \$5,600.00. Remember that 20% of our donations come back to each parish.

#### ALL ARE INVITED TO SLEEPY EYE ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

On Wednesday, February 1, please join St. Mary's Catholic School in celebrating Catholic Schools Week at our annual Family Fun Night! From 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., there will be dinner (SMS Chicken Bowls), BINGO, an Escape Room, 3-on-3 basketball, dodgeball, and a variety of fun kids' games and activities. All are invited to this fun, family event! If you have questions, please contact St. Mary's at 507-794-4121 or visit our website at <a href="https://www.sesmschool.com">www.sesmschool.com</a>. We hope to see you there!

MESSAGE FROM SISTER MARY ANN: Greetings to all of you! My thoughts and prayers have been with you throughout these months, and I have felt the power of your prayer as we moved about 110 sisters to Benedictine Living Center in Shakopee from August to November 15. I thought moving my Mom into an assisted living place some years back was a lot. However, after all these weeks with our sisters, my Mom's move seemed rather simple, though heart-wrenching as well. Our sisters are adjusting to their new place, including Sister Emma. She is doing great and of course her positive 93-year-old attitude makes a huge difference. She is amazing! The 16 of us who are still here in Mankato finished moving to another building here on Good Counsel Hill to save on heat and be closer to the activity happening in this space. Sometime we will be moving off the hill. When – we don't know – but we will continue to enjoy this sacred place while we are here. So, keep praying for all of us! This transition has had its gifts and challenges! During these months we have had 10 sisters make their journey to God, many to declining health and the aging process. We know they continue to be with us as we create a new way of living religious life. I'm also writing to ask for your support for "Pedal Past Poverty" once again. We as sisters want to participate in happenings that benefit people in need. So, we know we can do that in some way for people in need of shelter. This event will take place on Saturday, February 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Mankato YMC. It is sponsored by Partners for Housing. If you would like to sponsor me, I would be most grateful! All donations, small or large, help lessen others' needs. My address is: Sister Mary Ann Kuhn, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato, MN 56001. (Checks made payable to Partners for Housing.) Deadline date: Feb. 13! Know that all of you are making a big difference through your prayer for and support of this event. Thanks for your goodness and love! S. Mary Ann

# WEEKLY OFFERING

	St. Andrew's	St. Francis's	St. Willibrord's
Adult	966.00	1,012.40	810.00
Loose/Youth Plate	103.00	41.00	134.00
DMA 1st Payment	1,834.74	1,120.00	891.00
Seminary Collection		115.00	
Maintenance/Building			64.00
Votive Lights			3.00
TOTAL	\$2,903.74	\$2,288.40	\$1,902.00

#### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Please continue to pray for the following military personnel who are members of our parish families and are serving full time or active duty in the military: MSG William R. Schmidt, SSG Jeff Ziegler, Ryan E Lawrenz, SGT, Sgt. Chris Levinske, Amber Lindberg, Sgt Kenneth Coleman, SFC Timothy R. Green, Spc Adam Nosbush, Lt. Col. Steven Weber, Jackie Rieke and SGT Colin Jackson, CSM Rebecca (Zitzmann) Booker

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wednesday Feb 1, 2023: Class & Confirmation Fx

Wednesday Feb 8, 2023: Class & Confirmation Gb/Wn & 2nd Grade First Reconciliation

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023: Class & Confirmation Fx Wednesday Feb 22, 2023: Class & Confirmation Gb/Wn

"THE COGLEY SISTERS"/Youth Benefit Concert—Mark your calendars! At 4:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at St. Willibrord's church, there will be a concert by the The Cogley Sisters, from Hutchinson (50's and Christian music), followed by a **Spaghetti Supper** (Take-outs available) from 5-6:30 p.m. Advance tickets available from the youth and chaperones: For Adults - \$18.00 concert and supper, or Youth 8 yrs & under - \$12.00 concert and supper. (Price at the door for Adults - \$12 meal, \$8 concert, Youth 8 yrs & under - \$8 meal, \$6 concert) To get advance tickets, contact Anita Weir in Fairfax (507-441-1309), Berny Berger in Gibbon (320-583-7975) or Brent Lang in Winthrop (612-418-2851). In conjunction with the concert and meal, there will also be a Bakesale in the social hall (donated baked goods from parishioners are very much appreciated!). Proceeds go toward 13 AFC youth and 3 chaperones attending the Steubenville Youth Conference in Rochester July 14-16, 2023. Partial funding is being provided by St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial Council, Grant for Good -Faith. Local Representative is Bill McMullen 763-656-8603. United Financial Council, Grant for Good -Social. Local Representative is Bill McMullen 763-656-8603.



#### OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS TO MAKE HOURS FOR CONFIRMATION

**Candlelight Walk** Invite your family and friends to take part in Fort Ridgely's annual Candlelight Trail event on February 4th. The event will run from 5 to 8 pm at the Chalet. The candle lit trail will be marked for cross-country skiers, snowshoers and walkers winding its way through prairie and forest areas. A blazing bonfire will be part of this festive, family-friendly event. The event will take place even if there is no snow on the ground. Be prepared for icy conditions. Bring along items to roast over the campfire (roasting sticks will be provided).

**CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Should contact by phone or email PRIOR to the event to set up for hours needed in volunteering.** Contact Joanne Svendsen at 507-426-7840 or by email at joanne.svendsen@state.mn.us.

# ST. WILLIBRORD'S - GIBBON

Sunday, February 5th-10:00 AM

Lector: Jerome Petersen Dist: Grace Rubishko Servers: Kitzelin Morales, Silvana Ruiz, Josse Ruiz Ushers: Jerome Rubischko, Greg Hartmann, Tom Lindmeyer Gifts: Lyle & Rose Forst Sacristan: Kathy Bruns

Sunday, February 12th-10:00 AM

Lector: Chuck/Ann Southworth Dist: Jeannine Grosam Servers: Jennifer Guzman, Melody Exum, Briana Roche Ushers: Jerome Rubischko, Greg Hartmann, Tom Lindmeyer Gifts: Thomas & Jesse Forstner Sacristan: Connie Tautges

Sunday, February 19th-10:00 AM

Lector: Amy Weber/Imani Prigge Dist: Rose Forst Servers: Sofia & Ella Nachreiner Ushers: Jerome Rubischko, Greg Hartmann, Tom Lindmeyer Gifts: Steve & Jeannine Grosam Sacristan: Charlene Forst

**St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial "Calendar Raffle Winner"** of \$100 for Week #44, goes to **Anna Huhes**, of New Ulm. Congratulations, and thank you for your support!

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** For those wondering about the church envelopes they were ordered many months ago but they are experiencing some difficulties with work equipment, hired help, etc. They are hoping to get them out soon. Please put your contributions in a plain envelope for the collection. Thank you.

**LEADING ROSARY:** St. Willibrord's Catholic United Financial (CUF) will pray the rosary on Sunday, January 29, at 9:35 AM, before 10:00 AM mass in remembrance of Shirley Lauwagie, a longtime member of CUF. Please come pray the rosary with CUF! Local Representative is Bill McMullen 763-656-8603.

**ENJOY SOCIAL GATHERINGS AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS!** We are in need of support. Please sign up or call Genny at 834-6659 or Mavis at 834-6537 if you can bring or host a Sunday. Thank you.

<u>Friends of San Lucas Coffee</u> can be purchased directly from <u>www.sanlucasmission.org/juan-ana-cafe/order-a-bag/</u> or by stopping at Chuck Spaeth Ford in New Ulm (507-354-3673) or Sleepy Eye (507-794-3673). Contact Mavis 507-829-4416 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our Guatemala Mission

## STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING - ST. WILLIBRORD'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Giving July 1st, 2022-January 25th, 2023

Income \$82,550.37 (\$11,500 Fall Festival)

Expenses \$53,270.98

Net Gain/Loss \$29,279.39

# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – WINTHROP

Saturday, February 4th-5:00 PM

Lector: Jason & Carly Tupy Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin & Sue Lauwagie Servers: Riley Hacker, Megan Hacker, Volunteer Gifts: Harry & Kellie Sloot Ushers: Dennis & Joan Dording, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger Money Counters: Sue Lauwagie, Celeste Witucki Sacristan: Sue Lauwagie

Saturday, February 11th-5:00 PM

Lector: Pete Machaiek Eucharistic Ministers: Che May Servers: Jose Farias, Jossue Farias, Alan Banda Gifts: Tom & Celeste Witucki Ushers: Dennis & Joan Dording, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger Money Counters: Sue Lauwagie, Celeste Witucki Sacristan: Sue Lauwagie

Saturday, February 18th-5:00 PM

Lector: Tyler & Emilee Stehr Eucharistic Ministers: Pete Machaiek Servers: Will Lang, Quinn Schmidt, Brynn Busse Gifts: Lois Simmons, Barb Pagel Ushers: Dennis & Joan Dording, Andrew Schmidt, Nick Krueger Money Counters: Sue Lauwagie, Celeste Witucki Sacristan: Sue Lauwagie

**FURNACE FUND SUPPER:** There will be a light supper after the 5:00 pm mass on Saturday, January 28th. Good will offerings will go towards the Furnace Fund. Hope you can join us!

**2023 ENVELOPES** are on table in narthex and parishioners should pick them up.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** (Winthrop/Gaylord #7051) Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Francis's Catholic Church in Winthrop.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, IS THE DAY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!** Join us in the social hall at St Francis de Sales at 1:00 pm for a fun filled afternoon featuring grocery bingo, where you pick your prize, door prizes and a raffle, and end your afternoon with a delicious lunch. All ages are welcome.

If you can help with this fun function to raise money for St Francis de Sales LED project and for the water project in India, I would love to hear from you. Michelle Oswald: 507-766-9943.

# ST. ANDREW'S – FAIRFAX

Sunday, February 5th-8:00 AM

Lector: Anita Weir Dist: Mary Ann Dummer Servers: Annika Nosbush, Keyden Buboltz, Micahl Nachreiner Ushers: Leander Nachreiner, Gilbert Borth, Ron Marlowe, Tom Palmer Gifts: Gerald & Chris Jandl Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

Sunday, February 12th-8:00 AM

**Lector:** Jan Simonsen **Dist:** Myron Schweiss **Servers:** Luke & William Bastian, Kaden Weir **Ushers:** Paul Simonsen, Gerald Jandl, Myron Schweiss, Jerry Pelzel **Gifts:** Brad & Cheryl Kiecker **Sacristan:** Brenda Runck/Brenda Frank

Sunday, February 19th-8:00 AM

Lector: Cindy Rieke Dist: Agnes Wendinger Servers: Ashley, Isabelle, Isaac & Alex Vos Ushers: Tom P Borth, Joe Nachreiner, John Rieke, Brian Marquardt Gifts: Ron & Peggy Louisiana Sacristan: Chuck Marlowe/Carol Gregory

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ST. ANN'S FUNERAL GROUP 5: Denine Hellendrung, Desiree Ziegler

#### STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING - ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Giving July 1st, 2022 – January 25th, 2023

 Income
 \$ 118,348.40
 Donations to Maintenance Fund
 \$53,735.28

 Expenses
 \$ 83,150.53
 Roof Payment
 93,578.75

 Net Gain/Loss
 \$ 35,197.87
 Shortfall
 (\$39,843.47)

# All Saints Area Faith Community

Youth Benefit Concert Featuring -

# The Cogley Sisters 50's & Christian Music

Church of St. Willibrord 1032 Ash Ave, Gibbon, MN

Sunday, February 5, 2023 Concert at 4 p.m.

Followed by—

# Spaghetti Supper: Serving from 5 — 6:30 p.m.

Gluten-Free Options & Takeouts Available!

Advance Tickets-

Adults—\$18 concert and meal,

Age 8 & under-\$12

At the door—Adults: \$8 Concert, \$12 Meal

Age 8 & under: \$6 Concert, \$8 Meal

Tickets available from AFC youth attending the Steubenville Youth Conference, July 2023 Contact any of the following to obtain tickets: Anita Weir (507) 441-1309 Berny Berger (320) 583-7975 Or Brent Lang (612) 418-2851



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